

## Abstract of the Disclosure

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3 The invention provides a method for tracking business to business commun-  
4 ication among trading partners in a supply chain. Trading partners utilize a central hub  
5 to coordinate and track events. Prior to sending an event to other trading partners, a  
6 trading partner obtains an event tracking number from a central hub. Trading partners  
7 receiving the event can validate its unique status and validity by observing content within  
8 the event itself and by querying the central hub for additional information. Using the in-  
9 vention, the disparate communication systems used by trading partners and the lack of a  
10 system for clearly identifying and tracking events, no longer exists and the possibility of  
11 confusion as to the uniqueness of any one event when compared with another with similar  
12 characteristics is eliminated